

THEMES FOR WINTER 2019 AND SPRING 2020

Winter 2019

Finding Shelter in a Storm

Deadline: August 1, 2019

Winter can be a time of storms. We experience storms in our spiritual life as well. Here are a few ideas to kick-start your writing, but they aren't the only ones that will fit this theme.

- How does the Spirit give us courage and strength during the storms of life?
- How does Christ heal us, and the Spirit lift us up from our brokenness?
- Consider the kinds of shelter we may encounter (emergency shelters, space in someone's home, a shelter belt of trees, etc.) and relate them to the different ways God provides us with shelter.
- Floods can overwhelm us; consider Mrs. Noah.
- It is easy to be fearful when the media brings the world and all its traumas right into our household each day. As Christians, how do we find shelter when we are bombarded with images and stories that raise our fears?
- The calm after the storm—our faith is changed after surviving a storm in life. A storm might be challenging but is often where we experience the greatest growth.
- Storms are often sudden and unexpected. How can we prepare our hearts and minds for when storms come?

Consider a seasonal contribution—an article, a craft, a recipe, a poem... Perhaps use a hymn or song as the basis of your thoughts. Please remember that if you quote a hymn or song or even someone else's prayer, obtaining copyright permission is your responsibility—but we can provide guidance.

Send your submission to editor-in-chief Marion Hollinger at tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca or 223 - 250 Hunter Road, Saskatoon, SK S7T 0Y4 (note change of address).

Spring 2020

Nurtured for His Purpose

Deadline: November 1, 2019

Faith in Christ is a gift from our loving Father and the Holy Spirit nurtures that faith through Word and Sacrament. There are things we can do to nurture our God-given faith or hurt it. Your editors have come up with a series of questions and comments to get you thinking and then writing. We look forward to hearing from you.

- How does the Word feed our souls? And consider the opposite, spiritual starvation.

- The nurturing our own personal faith life is important but so is nurturing our children and grandchildren, especially today when many little ones never hear Bible stories nor are taught prayers.
- Is self-care selfish? Consider what Scripture has to say regarding this.
- How have you been, and continue to be, strengthened through the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit for meeting life's challenges?
- God allows us to make choices in this earthly life. How do the choices you make affect your faith in Christ?
- Have you been mentored? Tell us about it.
- Does your society have a plan for mentoring others?
- How does Jesus nurture our soul so we can help nurture our congregation (and family)?

Or consider a seasonal contribution for this spring issue: an article, a craft, a poem...

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